

CONCLUSION: WHAT WE HEARD

Recommendations

The Saskatchewan School Boards Association and its locally elected members look forward to continued engagement and shared accountability in guiding the future of publicly funded education in Saskatchewan. In moving forward toward the development of a shared vision and plan for beyond 2020, school boards will provide leadership and bring forth local voice in education.

The need to enhance and expand *Connections* in education is clear. Boards are committed to bringing forth the following recommendations. These recommendations have been distilled from the engagement findings and foundational documents described in this report, with the guidance of the of the Education Vision Working Advisory Group, in order to contribute some initial concrete suggestions for the education sector as the co-construction of a new plan for education evolves.

- **Connections Among People and Relationships**
 - Adopt, in every school in Saskatchewan, community education philosophy and practices to create a welcoming environment where students, staff, parents and communities are engaged in the pursuit of student achievement.
 - Commit (by all education partners) to actions to address reconciliation in the development of the new education vision and provincial plan.
 - Strengthen the communication and engagement around student achievement by making student success reporting more meaningful and consistent for students, parents and families.
- **Connections Between Systems and Structures**
 - Create an advisory panel (that includes student and parent voices) on the delivery of student supports to align efforts between different ministries, agencies and partners to ensure that every child has what they need to succeed in our schools.
 - Ensure there is sufficient, predictable and sustainable funding for publicly funded education.
 - Ensure there is a governance structure and process in place for accountability and oversight of the plan beyond 2020 that respects and includes local and provincial authority for education.
- **Connections to the Future and Navigating Technology**
 - Renew graduation requirements and create more diverse pathways and opportunities for students to graduate.
 - Create responsive and student-centred curriculum and resources and expand innovative instructional practices.
 - Conduct an external expert review and analysis of the outcomes of the Education Sector Strategic Plan that concludes in 2020 to invite ideas, validation, verification and global direction for the plan being developed for beyond 2020.
 - Create an ongoing task force (that includes student and parent voices) to look at evidence-based recommendations and leading practices for technology opportunities and appropriate use.
 - Modernize the provincial Goals of Education and *The Education Act*.